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FOREIGN PARTNERSHIP IN `CHANDRAYAN- I` MISSION
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is making efforts to make any other country as partner in the programme `Chandrayan-I` mission to send pilotless space shuttle on moon in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) Indian space research effort does not have plans to send pilotless space shuttle to moon in the near future. However, the mission to moon `Chandrayaan-1` is planned to have an unmanned instrumental spacecraft orbiting around the moon to collect specific data on the moon`s surface. `Chandrayaan-1` is a completely Indian effort. In the spirit of cooperation, India has offered an opportunity to the international community to fly a few of their scientific instruments on-board `Chandrayaan-1`. Out of these, six experiments have been selected to be accommodated as piggy-back in `Chandrayaan-1`.

(b) Does not arise.